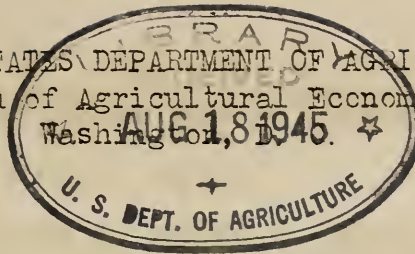


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COLD STORAGE REPORT

AS OF APRIL 1, 1939

The rather heavy out-of-storage movement of manufactured dairy products reported for February continued through March, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The reported net out-of-storage movement of creamery butter during March was 13,974,000 pounds. The net withdrawals for the same month last year were 6,220,000 and the 5-year (1934-38) average 9,468,000 pounds. A breakdown of the total reduction in butter stocks discloses that Dairy Products Marketing Association stocks were down by 4,225,000 pounds, Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and relief stocks by 7,362,000 and commercial stocks by 2,387,000 pounds. Total stocks on April 1 exceeded those of a year ago this date by 63,859,000 and the 5-year average by 69,269,000 pounds. Commercial stocks were 8,496,000 pounds below those of a year earlier and 3,086,000 less than the 5-year average for April 1.

The reduction in total stocks of cheese was again heavier than normal. Net withdrawals during March were 9,841,000 pounds. In March 1938 the out-of-storage movement was 8,712,000 and the March 5-year (1934-38) average is 7,018,000 pounds.

The storage season for eggs opened in March with a net movement into storage of 929,000 cases of shell eggs and 16,032,000 pounds of frozen egg meats, or a total case equivalent increase from March 1 of 1,387,000 cases. Total stocks of shell and frozen eggs expressed as cases were 2,823,000. This quantity is 1,236,000 cases less than were on hand April 1, 1938, but 12,000 cases more than the 5-year average for April 1.

The seasonal reduction in cold storage stocks of apples continued, with indicated withdrawals of 6,103,000 bushels. This compares with 7,501,000 bushels withdrawn during March 1938 and the 5-year average out-of-storage movement of 6,029,000 bushels for the month.

Frozen fruit stocks were reduced by 12,057,000 pounds and frozen vegetables by 4,495,000 pounds during March.

The seasonal out-of-storage movement of frozen poultry continued with a net reduction of 25,264,000 pounds. The net reduction during March last year was 21,674,000 pounds and the 5-year average 25,229,000 pounds.

Total stocks of frozen and cured meats were reduced during the month by approximately 31,000,000 pounds. Holdings are still well below average, being about 39,000,000 less than on the same date a year ago and 145,000,000 pounds less than the 5-year average. Stocks of lard showed a relatively slight increase over March 1 this year, about 4,000,000 pounds. Holdings were nearly 8,000,000 pounds heavier than April 1 last year but about 10,000,000 below the 5-year average.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

FRESH FRUITS

Cold storage stocks of apples on April 1 were the equivalent of 9,314,000 bushels. This quantity is 2,905,000 bushels less than on hand April 1 last year but 129,000 bushels more than the 5-year (1934-38) average.

Holdings of all varieties of pears totaled 232,000 boxes and baskets compared with 146,000 a year earlier and with the 5-year average of 148,000 boxes and baskets.

FROZEN FRUITS

Total stocks of frozen fruits, both quick-frozen and cold-packed, as reported in cold storage on April 1, totaled 91,056,000 pounds, a reduction during March of 12,057,000 pounds. Of the total April 1 holdings, 17,910,000 pounds were unclassified as to variety.

A segregation of frozen fruits by method of processing - "quick-frozen" or "cold-packed" - as reported, is given in a table on page 7.

FROZEN VEGETABLES

Stocks of frozen vegetables were reduced during March by 4,495,000 pounds. April 1 stocks were 51,287,000 pounds compared with 23,869,000 on hand a year earlier. Of the total holdings, 5,088,000 pounds were unclassified as to variety.

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Separate tables appearing in this report show United States stocks on hand on April 1, this year compared with previous periods, for the following groups of commodities:

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Dairy and Poultry Products, page 4;

Meats (cured and frozen) and Lard, page 5.

Special tables of cold storage holdings, by States or geographic divisions of the country, are included for apples and pears (page 8); cream, butter, American cheese, eggs and poultry (page 6); and frozen poultry, by classes, (page 7).

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Commodity	April 1, 5-yr. av. 1934-38	April 1, 1938	March 1, 1939	April 1, 1939
- Thousands -				
FRUITS, FRESH				
Apples.....barrels.....	138	83	81	25
Apples.....western boxes	4,678	4,807	7,959	4,977
Apples.....bushels <u>1/</u> ...	3,913	6,983	7,035	4,082
TOTAL APPLES.....bushels.....	9,005	12,039	15,237	9,134
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes.		6	5	2
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes..		1	2	-
Pears, all others.....boxes.....	138	132	495	218
Pears.....baskets (bu.)	10	7	44	12
FRUITS, FROZEN <u>2/</u>				
Blackberries <u>3/</u>pounds.....	Data		1,999	1,724
Blueberries.....".....	for	6,755	4,831	4,706
Cherries.....".....	these	16,960	15,622	13,067
Logan and similar berries <u>3/</u> ".....	earlier		2,756	2,358
Raspberries <u>3/</u>".....	years		6,745	5,862
Strawberries.....".....	not	22,678	29,385	25,731
Other fruits.....".....	compara-	<u>4/</u> 55,566	19,107	19,698
Classification not reported <u>3/</u> ".....	ble		22,668	17,910
TOTAL.....".....	61,573	101,959	103,113	91,056
VEGETABLES, FROZEN				
Asparagus <u>3/</u>pounds.....			2,824	2,553
Beans, Lima.....".....	Histori-	4,133	11,554	10,311
Beans, snap.....".....	cal	1,734	5,080	4,872
Broccoli, green <u>3/</u>".....	data		1,181	1,080
Corn, sweet.....".....	not	1,957	5,845	5,429
Peas, green.....".....	avail-	7,606	18,845	17,140
Spinach.....".....	ble	2,012	2,848	2,787
Other vegetables.....".....	<u>4/</u>	6,427	2,586	2,027
Classification not reported <u>3/</u> ".....			5,019	5,088
TOTAL.....".....		23,869	55,782	51,287

1/ Includes baskets and Eastern boxes or crates.

2/ See also table on page 7 showing reported segregation by method of processing, i.e., "quick freeze" and "cold pack".

3/ Data for this item prior to July 1, 1938, included under "other".

4/ Includes items designated by note 3/.

Stocks of creamery butter decreased during March by 13,974,000 pounds. This quantity exceeded the March 1938 out-of-storage movement by 7,754,000 pounds, and the 5-year (1934-38) average withdrawals by 4,506,000. The Dairy Products Marketing Association holdings on April 1, 1939, were 65,313,000 pounds compared with 69,538,000 pounds on March 1, 1939. Holdings by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and holdings by state relief agencies totaled 7,042,000 pounds. The combined butter stocks other than commercial holdings thus totaled 72,355,000 pounds, which compares with 83,942,000 pounds held on March 1, 1939. The remaining stocks, held commercially, totaled 6,451,000 pounds compared with March 1939 holdings of 8,838,000 pounds, April 1, 1938, of 14,947,000 and the April 5-year (1934-38) average of 9,537,000 pounds.

Stocks of American cheese in cold storage on April 1 were 68,817,000 pounds, a reduction from March 1 of 8,453,000 pounds. Holdings were 2,456,000 pounds greater than on April 1 last year and 7,403,000 pounds more than the 5-year average.

The egg storage season opened apparently during March. April 1 holdings of both shell and frozen eggs totaled the equivalent of 2,823,000 cases. These holdings were 1,236,000 cases less than on hand April 1, 1938, but 12,000 cases more than the 5-year average stocks.

Net withdrawals of frozen poultry totaled 25,264,000 pounds. April 1 holdings of 90,965,000 pounds exceeded those of a year earlier by 12,146,000 and the 5-year average by 5,655,000 pounds.

Commodity	April 1, 5-yr. av. 1934-38	April 1, 1938	March 1, 1939	April 1, 1939
- Thousands -				
CREAM				
Forty percent.....40-qt.cans	35	21	84	58
Twenty percent....." "	2	1	1	-
BUTTER				
Creamery, total.....pounds....	9,537	14,947	92,780	78,806
DPMA holdings....."			69,538	65,313
FSCC & relief holdings.. "			14,404	7,042
Commercial stocks....."			8,838	6,451
Packing stock....."		87	56	37
CHEESE				
American....."	61,414	66,361	77,270	68,817
Swiss including block....."	4,313	3,482	5,444	4,383
Brick and Munster....."	763	483	454	483
Limburger....."	613	254	659	552
All other varieties....."	5,140	6,462	7,658	7,409
TOTAL CHEESE....."	72,243	77,042	91,485	81,644
EGGS				
Shell.....cases.....	1,248	1,303	165	1,094
Frozen.....pounds....	54,718	96,475	44,476	60,508
Frozen 1/.....equivalent cases.....	1,563	2,756	1,271	1,729
TOTAL EGGS 2/.....cases.....	2,811	4,059	1,436	2,823
FROZEN POULTRY 3/				
Broilers.....pounds....	9,654	6,252	9,289	7,420
Fryers....."	8,780	7,034	11,635	9,235
Roasters....."	20,914	15,794	26,718	20,906
Fowls....."	11,718	15,249	18,391	13,939
Turkeys....."	20,527	20,123	26,958	22,369
Ducks....."	1,146	1,448	2,991	1,455
Miscellaneous poultry....."	12,571	12,919	20,247	15,641
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY...."	85,310	78,819	116,229	90,965

1/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 35 pounds to the case.

2/ SPECIAL NOTE: 80 percent of total frozen eggs reported as of April 1, 1939, were classified as follows: Whites - 32 percent; Yolks - 19 percent; and Mixed - 49 percent.

3/ A breakdown of frozen poultry items by geographic divisions will be found on page 7.

MEATS AND LARD

Frozen and cured beef stocks were further reduced during March by close to 5,500,000 pounds. April 1 holdings of 40,913,000 pounds this year were 9,588,000 pounds less than those of a year ago and 44,507,000 less than the 5-year (1934-38) April 1 average.

Stocks of frozen and cured pork also were reduced during March. The net reduction totaled approximately 20,000,000 pounds. The quantity on hand on April 1 of this year was nearly 22,000,000 pounds less than on hand a year earlier and about 84,500,000 less than the 5-year average.

Stocks of all frozen and cured meats, which totaled 627,901,000 pounds, were less than on hand April 1, 1938, by slightly over 39,000,000 pounds and less than the 5-year average by close to 145,500,000 pounds.

Lard stocks showed a relatively slight increase during March. Holdings of 129,047,000 pounds exceeded those of April 1 last year by nearly 8,000,000 pounds but were below the 5-year average by almost 10,000,000 pounds.

Commodity	April 1, 5-yr.av. 1934-38	April 1, 1938	March 1, 1939	April 1, 1939
- Thousand pounds -				
BEEF				
Frozen.....	64,533	37,991	31,963	26,796
In process of cure.....	13,569	9,868	10,789	10,064
Cured.....	7,318	2,642	3,652	4,053
TOTAL BEEF.....	85,420	50,501	46,404	40,913
PORK				
Frozen.....	197,567	190,353	227,075	213,897
Dry salt in process of cure.....	44,005	40,207	42,905	45,150
Dry salt cured.....	44,728	43,854	27,025	31,338
Pickled in process of cure.....	179,464	146,977	149,378	143,214
Pickled cured.....	141,125	122,556	95,755	88,731
TOTAL PORK.....	606,889	543,947	542,138	522,330
LAMB AND MUTTON				
Frozen.....	3,530	2,901	2,773	2,383
TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL				
Frozen and cured.....	77,500	69,884	67,760	62,275
TOTAL MEATS.....	773,339	667,233	659,075	627,901
LARD.....	138,813	121,316	125,281	129,047

By States, for Specified Commodities

State	Cream (40-qt. cans)	Butter Lbs.	American cheese Lbs.	Eggs Cases	Frozen eggs Lbs.	Total poultry Lbs.
- Thousands -						
Massachusetts.....		1,105	2,079	8	996	5,388
Other states.....		580	258	-	316	515
NEW ENGLAND.....		1,685	2,337	8	1,312	5,903
New York.....	43	10,667	7,629	55	5,398	21,967
New Jersey.....	3	24,336	3,163	80	5,376	7,343
Pennsylvania.....		482	1,061	37	4,586	4,119
MIDDLE ATLANTIC....		35,485	11,853	172	15,360	33,429
Ohio.....	6	532	439	45	1,556	981
Indiana.....		72	23	5	1,338	983
Illinois.....		38,040	3,686	206	8,035	20,003
Michigan.....		258	1,048	35	609	1,351
Wisconsin.....		160	38,860	14	300	624
EAST N. CENTRAL....		39,062	44,056	305	11,838	23,942
Minnesota.....		49	466	22	1,069	3,443
Iowa.....		19	31	9	2,208	2,394
Missouri.....		472	646	68	8,419	5,107
Nebraska.....		208	433	15	708	4,933
Kansas.....		38	110	52	2,716	367
Dakotas.....		57	-	-	-	5
WEST N. CENTRAL....		843	1,686	166	15,120	16,249
SOUTH ATLANTIC....		937	1,509	21	2,005	1,515
Kentucky.....		6	102	8	809	404
Tennessee.....		133	65	68	1,263	213
Alabama & Mississippi.		21	63	11	318	54
EAST S. CENTRAL....		160	230	87	2,390	671
Oklahoma.....		42	43	16	2,757	75
Texas.....		237	1,373	36	5,768	147
Arkansas & Louisiana..		113	89	14	920	151
WEST S. CENTRAL....		392	1,505	66	9,445	373
Colorado.....		171	643	28	162	262
Other States.....		3	1,496	21	14	286
MOUNTAIN.....		174	2,139	49	176	548
Washington.....		13	352	67	421	1,490
Oregon.....		1	680	36	249	1,458
California.....		54	2,470	117	2,192	5,387
PACIFIC.....		68	3,502	220	2,862	8,335
Other States, combined for cream only.....	6					
UNITED STATES....	58	78,806	68,817	1,094	60,508	90,965

FROZEN POULTRY IN COLD STORAGE, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

Classified by Varieties

Geographic division	April 1, 1939						
	Broilers	Fryers	Roasters	Fowls	Turkeys	Ducks	Miscellaneous
	- <u>Thousand pounds</u>						
New England.....	203	209	2,148	699	2,363	19	262
Middle Atlantic...	1,534	1,413	8,678	5,568	8,560	489	7,187
East North Central	1,941	6,119	5,388	4,385	2,527	667	2,915
West North Central	3,150	1,171	3,764	2,179	1,992	76	3,917
South Atlantic....	45	35	383	144	561	95	252
East South Central	64	100	125	120	75	25	162
West South Central	12	4	9	142	110	7	89
Mountain.....	118	16	4	42	228	1	139
Pacific.....	353	168	407	660	5,953	76	718
UNITED STATES...	7,420	9,235	20,906	13,939	22,369	1,455	15,641

FROZEN FRUITS ^{1/}

Commodity	Quick freeze processed		Frozen and preserved (cold packed)	
	March 1, 1939	April 1, 1939	March 1, 1939	April 1, 1939
	- <u>Thousand pounds</u> -			
Blackberries.....	294	180	1,705	1,544
Blueberries.....	1,319	1,089	3,512	3,617
Cherries.....	2,140	1,761	13,482	11,306
Logan and similar berries..	695	450	2,061	1,908
Raspberries.....	1,192	894	5,553	4,968
Strawberries.....	10,450	9,437	18,935	16,294
Other fruits.....	5,935	5,553	13,172	14,145
Classification not reported	4,478	4,810	18,190	13,100
TOTAL.....	26,503	24,174	76,610	66,882

^{1/} See "Frozen Fruits" on page 2 and in table on page 3.

NOTE: Warehouses were requested to report April 1 stocks of frozen fruits on a basis of container size - those in containers of less than 30 pounds capacity and those in bulk-containers of 30 pounds and over. It is assumed that this request has been followed and that the April 1 figures headed "Quick freeze processed" are the smaller containers and those headed "cold-packed" the bulk or larger containers.

APPLE AND PEAR HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE

APPLES

State	April 1, 1939				April 1, 1938
	Barrels	Western boxes	Baskets	Total bushels	Total bushels
- Thousands -					
Vermont.....	-	-	7	7	31
Massachusetts.....	-	3	38	41	204
New York.....	-	7	1,372	1,379	2,319
New Jersey.....	-	7	435	442	462
Pennsylvania.....	-	44	327	371	624
Ohio.....	-	23	108	131	378
Indiana.....	-	8	38	46	94
Illinois.....	-	25	277	302	541
Michigan.....	-	-	369	369	355
Wisconsin.....	-	11	21	32	49
Minnesota.....	-	44	5	49	54
Missouri.....	-	32	107	139	268
Virginia.....	21	11	769	843	1,709
West Virginia.....	-	-	65	65	142
Texas.....	-	45	-	45	61
Washington.....	-	3,587	-	3,587	3,441
Oregon.....	-	294	-	294	197
California.....	-	760	-	760	642
Other States.....	4	66	154	232	468
UNITED STATES....	25	4,967	4,092	9,134	12,039

PEARS

State	April 1, 1939	April 1, 1938
	Boxes and bushel baskets	Boxes and bushel baskets
- Thousands -		
New York.....	20	11
New Jersey.....	5	9
Pennsylvania...	3	3
Illinois.....	6	8
Washington.....	9	7
Oregon.....	149	68
California.....	37	18
Other States...	3	22
UNITED STATES	232	146